

REMARKS

Claims 20-28 are currently pending. Claims 20, 22 and 26 are amended without prejudice. Some claim features have been removed and changed, and others have been added. Thus, the overall scope of the claims has been altered.

In this regard, independent claims 20 and 26 variously recite “*comparing the identifier to an electronic program guide (EPG) to verify programing listed in the EPG,*” in combination with other features. These features are generally related to some of those previously recited in now-canceled claim 37. Claim 37 was previously subjected to a June 30, 2006 restriction requirement.

Claim 26 was classified as “generic” in the July 6, 2006 Amendment and Election paper submitted by applicant. This premise is even further enforced in claims 20 and 26 with today’s amendments (e.g., changing “cable head end” to --receiver--). Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The previous claims were rejected as being unpatentable under U.S. Patent No. 5,961,603 (hereafter “the Kunkel patent”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,822,432 (hereafter “the Moskowitz patent”). We respectfully traverse those rejections. Additionally, the previously applied art is not understood to render unpatentable the current combinations recited in claims 20 and 26.

The specification is updated to include issued patent and publication numbers. A New Abstract is provided to even more closely conform to some of the pending claims.

We look forward to our upcoming interview.

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